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SUBJ: SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR TO GHANA: JAMES BENOIT

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1. JAMES BENOIT PRESENTED CREDENTIALS ON MAY 24, 1974. A TALL, BALDHEADED MAN IN HIS LATE 50'S OR EARLY 60'S, BENOIT HAS PLAYED A QUIET AND RETIRING ROLE IN ACCRA AND HIS WIFE NEVER IS SEEN SOCIALLY. NO EMBOFF CAN RECALL HAVING HAD A SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATION WITH HIM.

2. NONETHELESS, BENOIT IS PLEASANT AND FRIENDLY AND SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH. WHEN AN EMBOFF REMARKED ON HIS LUSTY SINGLING OF ENGLISH PROTESTANT HYMNS AT A REMEMBRANCE (ARMISTICE) DAY SERVICE, HE EXPLAINED THAT HIS MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER BOTH CAME FROM THE GAMBIA AND THAT HIS GRANDFATHER BUILT "THE BIG METHODIST CHURCH" IN BANJUL THOUGH, "OF COURSE, I AM CATHOLIC." HE ALSO SAYS HE HAD A GREAT GRANDFATHER WHO CAME FROM GHANA.

3. MY COLLEAGUES HERE REGARD BENOIT AS LIKEABLE BUT WOEFULLY OUT OF TOUCH. MY CALL ON HIM, AND HIS
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RETURN CALL ON ME, LEAD ME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION.
KANDE SHOULD BE A BIG IMPROVEMENT.
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